

# Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From: (Public Agency):** Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery  
1001 "I" St., MS-24B, Sacramento, CA 95814

County Clerk

County of: Sacramento

(Address)

Project Title: AB 1311 Bag Drop Emergency Regulations

Project Applicant: Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery

Project Location - Specific:

**Statewide**

Project Location - City: N/A

Project Location - County: N/A

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

CalRecycle has developed a proposed regulation to fulfill its responsibilities under AB 1311 (Wood, Chapter 506, Statutes of 2021) as part of the California Beverage Container Litter Reduction and Recycling Act. The regulation implements AB 1311 by clarifying and making specific the operational requirements for a recycling center that utilizes the bag drop recycling center method. These regulations also allow mobile recycling as an extension of a certified recycling center. The proposed regulations are intended to protect the state's environment by providing expanded and more convenient options for recycling beverage containers.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 8 (section 15308); 15061(b)(3)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The adoption of the regulation is exempt because it falls under the "Class 8" exemption as defined in the CEQA Guidelines section 15308. The AB 1311 Bag Drop Emergency Regulations are intended to protect the state's environment through providing more options for the convenient recycling of beverage containers. By adding new methods of redemption to the BCRP, this increases the rate at which containers will be redeemed at a recycling center for the return of the CRV deposit rather than littered or landfilled and reduces the negative associated environmental impacts.

The adoption of the regulation also falls under the "general rule" or "common sense" exemption as defined in the CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3). The regulations implement AB 1311 by expanding the methods of beverage container recycling in the state, which reduces litter and landfilling and therefore is beneficial to the environment. It can therefore be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the regulation would result in a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Craig Castleton Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 327-0089

**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Craig Castleton Digitally signed by Craig Castleton  
Date: 2025.08.22 13:56:40 -07'00' Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_